

# **ISLAND COUNTY, PUBLIC WORKS-PARKS**

## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO OBTAIN CUSTODY**

**VESSEL NAME "HERMIT"**

**VIN UNKNOWN**

**WASHINGTON REGISTRATION UNKNOWN**

ISLAND COUNTY, PUBLIC WORKS-PARKS, acting as an authorized public entity with the authority granted in chapter 79.100 RCW, intends to take custody of the vessel "HERMIT," VIN # UNKNOWN, moored at the Cornet Bay Dock, Cornet Bay, north Whidbey Island, on July 23, 2009. The vessel has been declared derelict/abandoned as it meets the definition of a derelict/abandoned vessel as described in RCW 79.100.010(1) & (5). Once custody is obtained, ISLAND COUNTY, PUBLIC WORKS-PARKS is authorized to use or dispose of it in any appropriate and environmentally sound manner without payment to or further notice to the owner, believed to be Roberta Garrison.

In order for the owner to retain custody of the vessel, the owner must obtain authorization to moor or anchor the vessel in its current location, move it to another anchorage area or moorage facility that has authorized the vessel, or remove the vessel from the water.

If custody is obtained, the costs the owner may be liable for include, but are not limited to, costs incurred by ISLAND COUNTY, PUBLIC WORKS-PARKS, exercising the authority granted in RCW 79.100.030, all administrative costs incurred by the authorized public entity during the procedure set forth in RCW 79.100.040, removal and disposal costs, and costs associated with environmental damages directly or indirectly caused by the vessel.

If the owner wishes to redeem the vessel once ISLAND COUNTY, PUBLIC WORKS-PARKS has taken custody, the owner must commence a lawsuit to contest ISLAND COUNTY, PUBLIC WORKS-PARKS decision to take custody of the vessel, or the amount of reimbursement owed, in the Island County Superior Court. The lawsuit must be commenced within twenty days of losing custody or the owner's right to a hearing is waived and the owner will be liable for any costs owed to ISLAND COUNTY, PUBLIC WORKS-PARKS.

For more information regarding this action, contact ISLAND COUNTY, PUBLIC WORKS-PARKS, P.O. Box 5000, Coupeville, WA 98239, telephone (360) 679-7334.